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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Naghmeb Mehrpour

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 March 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-14, 38-46, drawn to method of providing service announcement information comprising transmitting at least one of a digital audio or video broadcast service on a first channel; and transmitting pointer data on the first channel, wherein the pointer data identified a second channel on which a service announcement identifying the service transmitted on the first channel is located. classified in class 455, subclass 450, 412, 414, 503.
 - II. Claims 15-37, 47-50, drawn to method of accessing a communication channels searching in the first signal for redirection information mobile searches on the first channel for the specified data selecting and accessing a second communication channel from the plurality of communication channels based on the redirection information, if the redirection information is received within a first period of time, selecting and accessing a third communication channel if the redirection information is not received within the first period of time, classified in class 370, subclass 331, class 455/434.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions in this relationship are related as combination and subcombination. Inventions in this relationship are distinct if it can be shown that (1) the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for patentability, and (2) that the subcombination has utility by itself or in other combinations (MPEP § 806.05(c)). In the instant

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case, the combination as claimed does not require the particulars of the subcombination as claimed because group I is to a method by providing service announcement information comprising transmitting at least one of a digital audio or video broadcast service on a first channel; and transmitting pointer data on the first channel, wherein the pointer data identified a second channel on which a service announcement identifying the service transmitted on the first channel is located classified in class 455, subclass 450, 412, 414, 503, and group II is to method of accessing a communication channels searching in the first signal for redirection information mobile searches on the first channel for the specified data selecting and accessing a second communication channel from the plurality of communication channels based on the redirection information, if the redirection information is received within a first period of time, selecting and accessing a third communication channel if the redirection information is not received within the first period of time, classified in class 370, subclass 331, 352, class 455, subclass 434.

2. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is different than Group II , restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Conclusion

4. **Any responses to this action should be mailed to:**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Naghmeh Mehrpour whose telephone number is 571-272-7913.

The examiner can normally be reached.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold be reached (571) 272-7905.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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July 19, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melody Mehrpour', is written over a large, faint circular stamp.

**MELODY MEHROUR
PATENT EXAMINER**